

CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-48. (cancelled)

49. (currently amended) A printing system for printing image data, which is selected from image data to be supplied from a supplier device by a user device, comprising:

a printer, which comprises:

a first connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to said user device;

a second connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet;

a request reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said user device by said first connection ~~means~~ unit and ~~receiving~~ receive request data from said user device;

a notification means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet by said second connection ~~means~~ unit and ~~notifying~~ notify said supplier device of the request data and ~~a model~~ identification information of said printer;

an image reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet by said second connection ~~means~~ unit and ~~receiving~~ receive image data corresponding to the request data from said supplier device; and

a printing ~~means for printing~~ unit configured to print the image data received by said image reception unit, and

wherein said supplier device comprises:

a management unit configured to manage information indicating a printer that can guarantee safety of the image data;

a determination ~~means for determining~~ unit configured to determine whether said printer that has notified said supplier device of the identification information is a printer that can guarantee safety of the image data on the basis of based on the information managed by said management unit and the model identification information of said printer notified by said notification means unit; and

an image transmission ~~means for transmitting~~ unit configured to transmit the image data to said printer, when said determination means unit determines that said printer is a printer that can guarantee the safety of the image data.

50. (currently amended) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said printer further comprising:

a transmission ~~means for connecting~~ unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet by said second connection means unit and transmitting transmit, to said supplier device, charge information in response to print by said printing means unit.

51. (currently amended) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said printer further comprising;

a charge information storage ~~means for storing~~ unit configured to store said charge

information; and

a deletion means for deleting unit configured to delete said charge information from said charge information storage ~~means unit~~ after having sent said charge information to said supplier device in case that a power-off operation of said printer has been detected.

52. (currently amended) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said printer further comprising:

a image data storage means for storing unit configured to store the image data received by said image reception ~~means-unit~~;

a deletion means for deleting unit configured to delete said image data from said image data storage means unit in case that the image data has been stored in said storage ~~means unit~~ for a predetermined time, or in case that the power-off operation of said printer has been detected.

53 - 54. (cancelled)

55. (currently amended) A control method for controlling a supplier device on a supplier side that supplies image data, comprising:

managing information indicating a printer that can guarantee safety of the image data;

~~a determination step for~~ determining whether a printer that has notified said supplier device of identification information of the printer is a printer that can guarantee safety of the image data ~~on the basis of~~ based on the managed information and a model the notified

identification information of said printer ~~notified by said printer~~; and

~~an image transmission step of~~ transmitting the image data to said printer, when
~~said determining step determines~~ it is determined that said printer can guarantee the safety of the
image data,

wherein said printer comprises:

a first connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to a user device
on a user side;

a second connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to said
supplier device via the Internet;

a request reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said user
device by said first connection ~~means unit~~ and ~~receiving~~ receive request data from said user
device;

a notification means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier
device via the Internet by said second connection ~~means unit~~ and ~~notifying~~ notify said supplier
device of the request data and ~~a model~~ identification information of said printer;

an image reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said
supplier device via the Internet by said second connection ~~means unit~~ and ~~receiving~~ receive
image data corresponding to the request data from said supplier device; and

a printing means for printing unit configured to print the image data received.

56. (cancelled).